

# THE CHURCH OF GOD EVANGEL

"And when the day of Pentecost was fully come they were all with one accord in one place." Acts 2:1. "And they were all filled with the Holy Ghost and began to speak with other tongues as the Spirit gave them utterance." Acts 2:4.

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## TEMPORARY INJUNCTION IS DISSOLVED The Church of God Set at Liberty

### The Evangel Goes Forth To Bless The World

#### The Church of God Evangel Delayed

We regret very much that the Church of God Evangel was temporarily delayed in its visit to its thousands of friends, but this was unavoidable and a circumstance over which we had no control; but was forced to wait the action of the court to dissolve the injunction in order that it might go on its mission to bless the world. I am sure that our subscribers, after learning the cause will look over and excuse this delay, and pray the blessings of God to rest on this and the forth coming issues and make them a greater blessing than ever before.

#### Sunday School Literature and Other Orders Delayed

We had a large number of orders of Sunday School literature and other books, Bibles, Testaments, tracts, etc. These orders have also been delayed but are now being filled at a rapid rate. We trust that all of our friends will excuse this delay and remember that the inconvenience suffered by them is but a small item to the suffering and inconvenience that those in charge of these affairs have suffered for almost three weeks. So let us all join in thanking to Almighty God for the wonderful way in which He has worked and caused us to appreciate Him and the liberty that He gives, as never before.

The Church of God Publishing House that has been inactive for almost three weeks is now a busy spot in this city. The force after many days of patient waiting to hear the call to return to their post have taken their places in the usual way. The work of filling orders that have long been delayed on the account of the injunction is now being pushed at a rapid rate.

The temporary injunction procured by certain followers of A. J. Tomlinson against the Church of God and its various departments was dissolved by the Chancery Court of Bradley County, Tennessee, Wednesday, April 16th. The original injunction against A. J. Tomlinson and others as interpreted a modified by Chancellor T. L. Stewart, was retained in force, except a provision allowing them to receive members into their church, but not to represent themselves in any way to be the Church of God.

This seeming unfortunate situation is regretted by the present officials of the Church that some way yet may be found to solve the legal problems of the Church without being forced to depend on the courts to adjudicate the matters in question.

#### Correspondence Congested

It was estimated that we had approximately three thousand letters in the Post Office awaiting the dissolution of the injunction, many of which contained orders and remittances, and very important

correspondence. On the account of this injunction we will be unable to answer every one, and we hope our friends will excuse us for this time; after knowing the situation brought about on the account of the matters referred to. We earnestly hope that we will soon be able to catch up with our work, and that everything will be normal again and that we will be able to handle all the matters of importance in a satisfactory way to parties concerned. We thank our friends in advance for their long patience, and trust God will reward them for their friendly cooperation in the affairs of the church.

#### Orphans' Home in Desperate Straight

On account of the restraint referred to the Church of God Orphanage and Children's Home was placed in a very embarrassing position as the officials of the church were restrained from acting in any official capacity and the small amount of cash on hand deposited in the bank in the name of the Church of God, it rendered the officials absolutely helpless to aid them in any way with the resources of the church. All the precious little fatherless and motherless children seemed to realize the seriousness of the situation in so much that at the hour of prayer they were heard to cry and earnestly plead with God not to let them starve on the account of this injunction. Surely God did hear their prayers. He touched the hearts of the business and professional men and women of the city and they volunteered to send them something to eat. One prominent man said that the citizenship of this city would not allow these little children to go hungry, or this worthy institution to be wrecked. Truly God will hear the cries of His own; and we verily believe that the cry of these Orphan children will reach in that day of all days and their tears will be remembered. Thank God the same loving sympathetic Christ, who took up the little children and blessed them will continue to bless the precious little helpless ones. We feel that it would be fitting just here to express our high appreciation for the donations received from the merchants, and business men and women of this city during these days of distress and need. We are made to appreciate this little city and its good citizenship as never before.

#### Orphanage Campaign

The campaign for funds and supplies for the payment and maintenance of the Church of God Orphanage and Children's Home that was proposed to begin Sunday March 30th and continue and include April 20th, which is Easter Sunday; has, of course, been greatly interfered with on account of the circumstances herein referred to. We will advise that all the churches, mem-

bers and friends of this worthy institution, now take up this noble work, according to the plan previously outlined in instructions sent out some time ago. I am sure that if all the friends of this worthy institution will put forth a united effort that it will be lifted above any financial embarrassment and other necessary things not only for the great number of children already in the home will enable the management to expand the work and heed the pitiful cry of many other worthy applicants.

(The following is a clipping from the Cleveland Herald under the date of April 11th.)

#### ORPHANAGE IS IN NEED OF TEMPORARY HELP

#### Cutting off Funds Has Placed Local Institution in Embarrassing Position

The Herald is informed that the local orphanage of the Church of God people on Montgomery Avenue is in serious straits for food and clothing for the more than a score and a half of children of that institution. By reason of the tying up of funds in the bank by the recent injunction the directors of the orphanage are dependent largely on personal contributions and individual help to keep these little children from hunger and nakedness. One or two local grocers and wholesale houses have contributed eatables, but with thirty-three vigorous little mouths to fill eatables do not long hold out after they are contributed, and fresh contributions must be made or fresh supplies obtained every day. The good people of this community, regardless of creed or of sympathetic leanings in the church controversy can not afford to see these little children suffer for supplies.

#### "LET 'ER FLY"

F. J. Lee

The dear old Church of God is now ready to soar higher than ever before.

Many have been wondering why they couldn't get an answer to their letters written to this office. We are sorry to have to tell you that near three thousand letters have been held up at the Post Office; not for any fault in the Post Master and his helpers, but because we have been under injunction for nearly three weeks from receiving mail, or money, or sending out any in the name of the Church of God. We couldn't pay our bills or even buy food for the little orphans for the lack of money; but thank God our hands are now untied. You are wondering now, "who has done this terrible thing." We will have to tell you that it was the opposite side of this question; and you know who that is. A. J. T. and his cohorts. We are sorry to have to make mention of this, but will have to explain in a way of apology for you not getting a hearing from us and also for the delay of the Evangel coming to your home. I am sure you have felt grieved because of all this, thinking perhaps we were neglecting you, and was doing

you an injustice; we are sorry that an injustice has been wrought, but you can readily see who the offender is, but we are loose now; the judge, this afternoon at about two o'clock declared the injunction dissolved.

As stated above, we are ready to soar higher than before. First, because we are not to be molested any more in our business. Second, because as we have been hindered so long we enter the work with greater zeal and determination than before. Third, because spring time has broke in on us with beautiful warm weather, therefore we are expecting great revivals to break out and many souls get to God.

"Let 'er fly." Yes, let the Church of God fly to the four corners of the earth. Let the gospel message fly from the lips of the faithful ministers. Let the faithful old Evangel fly like a carrier pigeon with a message of good news, love and victory to the many anxious waiting ones. Let the Sunday school literature that has been bound here in the office for many days fly rapidly to the waiting Sunday schools that have been handicapped for the lack of literature because of the injunction. Let prayers fly to God for the success of the work. Let praises and thanksgiving fly to Him because we realize He is with us.

We will answer your letters just as rapidly as we can get to them. We are ready to get down to real business. The state overseers will begin to plan their state assemblies. We will try to be at some of these assemblies, but it will be impossible to attend all of them. I would be glad to visit every church and every member if I could do so, but will only get to visit just a few on account of being in as many conventions as I can.

With these few lines I will close, hoping you much success and victory in the Lord.

#### THE BAN IS OFF

Dear Friends:

I write you this letter to inform you of the wonderful way in which God has been with us in our tie up and the glorious deliverance He has given us. We are once more at liberty to go on with this good work. For over two weeks we have been under an injunction and not allowed to do one thing in the name of the Church of God. The trial set for yesterday was concluded today and at its conclusion the judge dissolved the injunction.

Our mail and everything was tied up so that we could not hear from you nor send information to you. Our paper had to stop. This answers for all the delay in orders, papers, and everything else. Oh it was a wonderful sight when about 3,000 letters besides other mail was poured out on the table. We gathered around it, and on bended knees thanked the God of heaven for what He had done for us. The photographer took a photo of the big pile of mail with the happy saints encircling the table. I am reminded of one state-

ment Jesus made concerning His Church. "The gates of hell shall not prevail against it."

Well you have been wondering what has been the matter; and I know what you will do when this issue of the Evangel reaches you. Of course you'll shout.

Now just a word to you. It will require some time to get back to normal and you must be patient with us. Things will run day and night till the rush is over. Every precaution will be taken to fill all orders as fast as possible. If yours does not reach you as soon as you think it should just remember the situation, and be patient with our office force. Every one must press the battle as never before and pray for the success and victory of our great cause; and while you pray for that, don't forget to pray for those who appear to be our enemies. It doesn't seem possible that those with whom we used to have such sweet fellowship, could rise up against us, but such seems to be the case. Let us pray for them and treat them as kindly as possible for many of them are honest in their opinion. Pray that God will touch their hearts and cause them to return to their former fellowship with the grand old Church of God. I love them all and would be glad to have the same sweet fellowship that used to draw our hearts together, restored.

J. B. Ellis.

#### GOD IS FAITHFUL

"Commit thy way unto the Lord; trust also in Him; and he shall bring it to pass." Psa. 37:5. Well praise the dear Lord we know He is able to bring things to pass, and we now realize it more fully since the injunction has just this P. M. been lifted, after being on, lacking 2 days, of being 3 weeks. And how the dear Lord has helped us out when the orphanage committee were not allowed to check us a penny for the said time above. But I do thank God He still lives, rules and reigns and hears the cry of the humble, from an honest heart. But to this man will I look, even to him that is poor, and of a contrite spirit; and trembleth at my word. Isa. 66:2. I have just returned from the court house, and want to say in respect of the honorable judge that heard the case, he gave the Church of God people a good name. Thanks. He said, "I have had occasion several times to be associated with some of them, and wherever I have met them, found them to be an honest, upright people, that always wanted the right thing. If they had been drunkards they quit drinking, if they were thieves, they quit stealing, paid their debts, etc." Now if we are not all of that and more too, we are not worthy of the name. We praise God for the privilege of sending the dear Evangel out again to its thousands of readers, who, we know have been wondering about its delay. We have prayed for you, and know you have been remembering us, and we will find, I am sure, among the 3,000 letters that

accumulated in the Post Office, many good tokens of your love, and we will now be allowed to open, read, and enjoy their contents for which we praise our God.

With 36 children in the homes, it was no little problem to solve, with all our funds suddenly cut off. But thank God for kind faithful friends, and above all for Jesus, who has said, "I will never leave nor forsake thee."

Lillian Kinsey,  
Matron, Orphan's Home.

#### LAW ABIDING CITIZENS

Perry W. Hadsock

"They that forsake the law praise the wicked, but such as keep the law contend with them." Prov. 28:4. The word law in the above quotation comes from the Hebrew word, Towrah, meaning precept or statute and the word wicked in the above quotation is taken from the Hebrew word, Rasha, meaning morally wrong, bad.

I am sure the many lovers of the Church of God Evangel that look forward to its weekly visits with anxiety, have been unexpectedly disappointed in the delay of the paper. But this delay was brought about by an injunction that was served on the Editor and Publisher and his associates some time ago. They at once ceased to operate the Publishing House, because they were law abiding citizens.

The contention has been on but we are glad to say that undisputable facts convinced the courts of the true situation, and the shackles were loosed and the Church of God Publishing House runs in full as usual, and the Evangel comes to you freighted with the love of God. I admire our Editor and his helpers in that, that they have the grace of God shed abroad in their hearts by the Holy Ghost to the extent, that they have kept sweet in the Spirit during this uncalculated for delay and test. I am sure they have God's smiles of approval on them. I believe this test has been the means of strengthening them all, and should the storm clouds again arise, they can face the test with that firm faith that God will never leave nor forsake them. Let false reports go if our enemies see fit to circulate them. I wish to say we have a body of men at the Headquarters of the Church of God that can be depended on. Every test that comes in their path proves their ability more and more to handle the trust given them.

Let each of us remember the fact that we are living in the last days and may expect the enemies of the Church of God to attack us in various ways. If the laws of our country affords us protection of their noble principles we love so well, and we forsake the law, in so doing we praise the wicked. Jesus, Paul and others used the law for their protection, these noble principles must go to the ends of the world.

Let us show our appreciation of our brethren who have the responsibilities of the Headquarters of the Church on them by our cooperation in every department of the church work. We will do it.



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land, Tennessee.

We will do our best to keep from  
making mistakes, but if we make a  
mistake we will take pleasure in cor-  
recting it if you notify us.

We invite all the workers to send us  
reports of interest from the battlefield.  
If nothing else a postal card telling  
where you are this week.

Help to make the Evangel a medium  
of information as well as a spiritual  
blessing.

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ONE WHO HAS HAPPENED  
TO MISFORTUNE

Dear Evangel Readers:

Brother S. E. Bradam has  
sent me his request for the  
Evangel. I want to say that  
while he has happened to this  
misfortune and has gotten in-  
to trouble, he certainly has  
been a friend to the Church of  
God at Maryville or Alcoa,  
Tenn. He has a lovely family.  
His dear wife is a good woman.  
They stood by wife and I when  
the devil was trying to starve  
us out and run us away from  
Alcoa, when we were opening  
up that work. Now there is a  
strong Church at that place.

Many times when we were  
out of something to eat and  
didn't know where the next  
meal was coming from, to our  
Brother S. E. Bradam's boys  
with a basket full of groceries,  
sometimes enough to run us a  
week. They didn't belong to  
the Church but they loved her  
teachings. Sister Bradam would  
have joined the Church, but she  
wanted to get the baptism of  
the Holy Ghost before she took  
that important step. She wanted  
the full experience. Brother  
Bradam did not profess sal-  
vation at that time, but he  
stuck to us closer than a brother  
in every conflict, standing  
behind us with his money till  
we won the victory.

Let every saint of God who  
reads this, pray a special pray-  
er for Brother Bradam and his  
family, for I know he will  
make a strong man for the  
Church of God when he gets  
out of that prison.

A special friend and brother  
of his,

L. G. Rouse,  
Circleville, Ohio.

THE PRISONER'S REQUEST

Dear Saints of God:

I am now, and have been  
since Oct. 6, in prison, on a  
charge of attempt at man-  
slaughter. I feel in my soul  
that God has pardoned my  
sins and made my soul free.  
My desire is that the world  
may know how God can give  
joy to the troubled heart if we  
but trust Him in all things and  
at all times. The Lord has  
promised that where two or  
three are gathered together in  
His name, he will be in the  
midst. I have learned by read-  
ing the words of my blessed  
Redeemer that we don't get  
anything good that does not  
come from God, our heavenly  
Father, and I realize He  
knows the heart and mind of  
every living being. I feel great-  
ly impressed to call on all the

true saints of God to go with  
me in prayer to the Father,  
first of all that His will may be  
done.

Let them be ashamed and  
confounded together that seek  
after my soul to destroy it. Let  
them be driven backward and  
put to shame who wish me evil.  
Let them be desolate for a re-  
ward of their shame that say  
unto me, aha! aha! Let all  
those who seek after Thee re-  
joice and be glad in Thee: Let  
such as love Thy salvation say  
continually, "The Lord be  
magnified." I am poor and  
needy yet the Lord thinketh  
upon me. Thou art my help  
and my deliverer; make no tar-  
rying, oh my God. I know with-  
out God I can do nothing at  
all. I am praying God contin-  
ually to give me the victory  
over the evil one. If we are  
God's children we ought to  
love one another.

I want to ask all the saints  
of God to pray for me and my  
family, that we may ever do  
His blessed will, and be guard-  
ed from all harm and danger.  
I want God to have His way  
with me, and that I may set  
the dead bury their dead, and  
take up my cross and follow  
Jesus the rest of my life.

My home is at Maryville,  
Tenn. Brother Thomason,  
Brother Rouse, and Brother  
Wilkerson know me and my  
family. I was an attendant at  
the little church there, and  
long to be one in that num-  
ber when the saints go march-  
ing in to glory. I know my  
Savior lives, for I feel Him in  
my soul. He keeps me every  
day of my life, and I want you  
to pray that I may be a fit  
temple for the Holy Ghost  
when He comes, and that I  
may press on and receive all  
the blessings according to the  
will of our heavenly Father.  
God bless you all.

S. E. Bradam,  
B. 73, W. 5, Petros, Tenn.

HEALED IN ANSWER TO  
PRAYER

It has been pressing on me  
for some time to send some tes-  
timonies to the paper, so I am  
sending them and ask that  
they be published just as they  
are, in the Evangel for the  
benefit of the many who are  
suffering over the country.

These are some of the an-  
swers to the many handker-  
chiefs I receive every day. God  
is working wonders through  
anointed handkerchiefs; so I  
ask all who read this to pray  
that God will just keep His dear  
loving hand on me, so that I  
can be a blessing to this lost  
and dying world, and that I  
may stay humble. I am thank-  
ing but what God has made  
me. But by the grace of God I  
am what I am.

Your unworthy brother.

L. G. Rouse,  
624 Mound St., Circleville, O.

Dear Brother Rouse:

Your letter came safe to me  
and thank God, I was healed  
before receiving the letter; for  
I had obeyed God's Word and  
He honored my faith.

The Lord has been my heal-  
er for ten years, and He has  
never failed me in all this time.  
Thank God for His mighty  
healing power.

We are greatly in need of a  
Church of God preacher here;  
one who is filled with the Holy  
Ghost, and who stands for the  
Church of God with Headquar-  
ters at Cleveland, Tenn.

I do thank God for your kind  
and humble prayers for me  
and I hope God will bless your  
labors everywhere you go.  
Please pray for me, that I may  
keep low and humble at Je-  
sus' feet and be ready to meet  
my Lord in peace.

Your unworthy sister in  
Christ,

Mrs. Thatcher Falmouth.

Dear Brother Rouse:

I praise God this morning for  
full and free salvation. I can  
feel the joy bells ringing in my  
soul. I am so happy, I just  
want to praise God for His  
goodness.

We had services at our  
home Sunday the 27th. The  
Lord surely blessed the saints  
and we had a good time.

The day I started the letter  
to you I felt somewhat different  
and when the letter returned,  
praise God, I placed the hand-  
kerchief on my body and the  
Lord touched me. This morn-

ing I feel as though I have  
never been sick in my life. I  
am so glad because I can trust  
the Lord for the healing of my  
body as well as the keeping of  
my soul. I have been trusting  
the Lord for the healing of my  
body ever since I have been in  
this good old holiness way,  
which has been seven years.  
The Lord has healed me many  
times, and I feel more like  
trusting Him than ever before.  
I praise God for the Bible Holy  
Ghost.

I desire the prayers of all  
the dear saints everywhere.  
Please pray that my husband  
will receive the Holy Ghost.  
Pray for all my loved ones  
who are in sin that they may  
see the light and come in this  
way before it is too late.

Minnie Wooten,  
Clayton Ga.

PRAISE AND GRATEFUL-  
NESS TO THE LORD

Dear Brother Llewellyn and  
All the Evangel Force—  
Greetings in Jesus' Name;  
Just a few words tonight as  
my heart is overflowing with  
praise and gratefulness to the  
dear Lord and the Evangel  
Force, for sparing and saving  
our dear little Evangel spiritu-  
ally and financially, as she is  
being restored to her former  
self again, with that wonderful  
power that fills the hearts of  
her readers, with such tender  
love for all the saints every-  
where.

I feel like confessing to our  
dear brother and highly es-  
teemed editor, that I misun-  
derstood the cause of the Evan-  
gel's illness; and while it was  
striving for principles and right,  
I made the remark to a sister  
that the change of editor had  
killed our paper and that it had  
lost its charms and power, and  
that my love for the once dear  
little Evangel had gone.

Now I want to ask the edi-  
tor's forgiveness. I also want  
to commend him for the way  
he has nourished and cherished  
our dear Evangel back to  
health and power.

As I read it and feel the  
wonderful thrills, it holds me in  
sacred devotion; and my heart  
overflows with the purest of  
love and old time emotions.

God bless the Evangel and  
all its force is the sincere  
prayer of a true friend and  
sister.

Bessie Walker,  
Holly Ridge, La.

ONE OF MANY

Extracts from a letter from  
Brother John E. Jones, will  
show a degree of the anxiety  
and patience existing on the  
field during the time we have  
been under the injunction.

Dear Brother Llewellyn:

"I have not received my  
paper for the past two weeks  
and this week will make three.  
I thought that I would call  
your attention to the matter. I  
am sure it is not your fault, for  
I believe you are giving the best  
attention possible. I am not

## "LOST FOREVER"

Lost forever will it be?  
Lost through all eternity,  
Lost from friends and loved ones too,  
Lost in spite of all we do.

Lost from all that's pure and good,  
Lost eternally from God;  
Oh may this never be thy case,  
For now we know that's sin's disgrace.

Lost with Satan forever to dwell,  
Your soul for ages to burn in hell;  
Lost on account of some earthly lust,  
Will your soul be suffering when your body is dust?

For dust we were and to dust must return,  
But when life's ended, I choose not to burn,  
But rather to dwell in my mansion fair,  
With Christ my Savior who's building it there.

Now come to Christ He'll make you whole,  
He hates your sin, but loves your soul,  
And shed His blood that we might live,  
He now is anxious to forgive.

Would it not be better when life is done,  
To hear our Savior say, "Well done",  
Than to live in sin, die and be lost?  
Oh now is the time to count the cost.

Lillian Moxley,  
75 Blfd. Ave. Bluefield, W. Va.

complaining at all, but just  
mentioning it, that you will  
understand.

The paper sure does change  
things in my home. We miss  
it so much. Even the children  
enjoy it and are glad when it  
comes into the home, and they  
as well as myself miss it when  
it fails to arrive."

Saints Join Us In Prayer

Today finds me with the  
sweet abiding comforter in my  
soul. Praise the dear Lord  
forever! I am glad to say that  
Jesus has saved me from a  
life of sin and planted my feet  
in the highway of holiness. I  
am delighted in the way, and  
have a deep determination to  
travel on. It means much for  
us to get ready to meet God,  
and stay ready, for we never  
know when the death sum-  
mons will call us away. The  
brittle thread of our lives could  
be cut off in a moment of  
time, as my husband's was,  
and we would be gone pre-  
pared or unprepared. Oh,  
friends let us prepare to meet  
God.

We have organized a ten  
days cottage prayer meeting  
at this place, for a closer  
walk with God, and a world  
wide revival. We feel a great  
need of the revival fire.

Saints will you join us in  
the prayer?

Your sister under the blood,  
Sophie Bennett,  
Pickwick, Miss.

NOTICES

To the Churches and Pastors  
in the State of Ohio and  
Michigan:

All who desire to write me,  
will please address me at Wal-  
bridge, Ohio, until farther  
notice.

E. Haynes.

Dear Bible Correspondence  
Course Students:

Perhaps you have been won-  
dering why you have not re-  
ceived your Bible lessons or  
the return of your graded les-  
sons. You will see from this  
week's issue of the Evangel  
why your letters have been de-  
layed. Have patience with us,  
you will hear from this depart-  
ment soon. We are praising the  
Lord for the way He has  
worked in our favor.

A helper,  
Nora Chambers.

ANSWERED PRAYER

I want to praise God for His  
healing power. I was sick in  
bed for almost two years and  
had eleven doctors with me. I  
didn't seem to be much better;  
so I gave the doctors up and  
began to trust the Lord to heal  
me, and He completely healed  
me. I was unsaved and He  
saved me. About two years  
later He sanctified me and bap-  
tized me with the Holy Ghost.

Mrs. Ollie Porter,  
Commerce, Ga.

## ARE YOU READY FOR THE BATTLE

We find, while going through  
this life journey, that it is a  
continual battle of some kind,  
for some cause, from the infant  
in the cradle to the hoary hair  
blossoming for the watery  
grave. As we rise early in  
the morning, and view the  
beautiful golden rays of  
the sun, as it illuminates  
the eastern horizon and  
spreads over the beautiful  
landscape, while listening to  
the dew drops pattering in the  
leaves, as the mocking bird  
sings many different melodies,  
as if it were hundreds of beau-  
tiful birds in our presence,—it  
makes the joy of the morning  
bubble up within us. This is to  
be appreciated, but we look on  
the other side of this beautiful  
view and see the battles of the  
day as they loom before us.  
While with the use of a power-  
ful microscope we are unable to  
detect every battle that will  
present itself during one day,  
and which will be the severest,  
what is one day to be com-  
pared to a long life here in this  
unfriendly world among a race  
of fallen humanity, or to  
eternity?

As we think on these things  
it makes our heart melt with-  
in us, and it seems that we can  
hear the voice of our opponent  
say, there is no use. While  
pausing and meditating upon  
the discouraging message re-  
ceived we hear another voice  
say, "Look," and behold we  
see a beautiful little sparrow of  
the morning dressed in white,  
tinted with gold, flitting from  
branch to branch laden with  
dewy blossoms, amongst the  
humming of thousands of bees  
in search for food to sustain  
them during the battle of chilly  
breezes and hoary frost of  
winter. We hear the little bird  
as it seems to say, cheer up,  
it is your Father's will for you  
to win the victory in the day.

Discouragements are abated,  
the tide begins to rise within  
us as we listen to those sooth-  
ing words, and go forth de-  
termined to win. We see the  
sun bury her shining face  
beneath the western hills with  
victory in our souls.

We find in Rom. 13:12 where  
Paul says, The night is far  
spent the day is at hand: let  
us, therefore cast off the works  
of darkness, and let us put on  
the armour of light. I wonder  
if we realize that the day is  
almost at hand. It seems that  
I can hear the little bird in the  
distance, as it awakes from  
slumber and announces that  
the breaking of the day is here.  
Can you hear it? Have you  
made preparations for it? Are  
you making preparations for  
it?

In Paul's letter to the Church  
in Ephesians 6:11-13 he said,  
Put on the whole armour of  
God that ye may be able to  
stand against the wiles of the  
devil.

For we wrestle not against  
flesh and blood, but against  
principalities, against powers,  
against the rulers of the dark-  
ness of this world, against  
spiritual wickedness in high  
places.

Wherefore take unto you the  
whole armour of God, that ye  
may be able to withstand in  
the evil day, and having done  
all, to stand.

Some battle against the laws  
of nature, some against  
the laws of health and many  
other things, but the severest  
battle is to keep in possession  
of our soul until Jesus says  
come up higher.

We notice that Paul said in  
Ephesians 5:6, Let no man de-  
ceive you with vain words: for  
because of these things cometh  
the wrath of God upon the  
children of disobedience.

Now Paul didn't say for us  
to get weak-kneed and retreat,  
but he said, take unto you the  
whole armour of God that ye  
may be able to withstand in  
the evil day. Surely that  
day is dawning upon us. Once  
I heard of a lad being in battle  
and his position was beating  
the drum. His captain saw  
from a present standpoint of  
view that his regiment was  
liable to be captured, and he  
gave the command to beat a  
retreat. The voice of the lad

rang out amidst the faint  
hearted, discouraged regiment,  
in the face of the foe, and said,  
"I don't know how." The cap-  
tain cried out again, "Beat a  
retreat," but the words came  
back in reply, "I don't know  
how," and he said, "Well, beat  
a charge." As these words  
reached the ears of the lad he  
immediately began beating a  
charge, and they made one  
more determined effort, and  
the enemy was driven back  
while the victory was won.

Is your Captain giving orders  
for a retreat or a charge? The  
Captain of our salvation knew  
no defeat, while being tempted  
of the devil in the wilderness  
He didn't become faint-hearted,  
but met every temptation with  
the Word of God; and I'm sure  
He is not saying retreat, if you  
are following the right captain.  
Jesus didn't retreat in the gar-  
den of Gethsemane, in Pilot's  
hall, nor at Golgotha, as He  
was beat, spit upon, mocked,  
and suffered a crown of thorns  
to be placed upon his brow. In  
His agony He groaned, He  
wept, He waited, but never did  
He retreat.

He stood true when the  
battle was the hardest. As He  
suffered upon the rugged cross  
of Calvary, during the dying  
hour, He stood true and said,  
"It is finished. Father into thy  
hands I commend my spirit."

He came out victorious over  
death, hell and the grave, "Oh  
death, where is thy sting. Oh  
grave where is thy victory."

Perhaps you have heard the  
wrong drum sound, but He  
says "Follow thou me," and  
we must march on to victory,  
with a conquerors tread; no  
time to stop; no time to loose;  
but be ready in attention, lis-  
tening for the still small voice  
to say, Forward march.  
Hush, I hear it now. Don't you?  
Oh! The victory must be ours.  
It is our privilege, and His will  
for us to come out victorious.

Some people say that if they  
had known that the way was  
so hard they would have never  
started. Perhaps they are  
following the wrong captain.  
Jesus says, For my yoke is  
easy and my burden is light.  
Matt. 11:30.

We notice in Heb. 10:38,  
But if any man draw back, my  
soul shall have no pleasure in  
him. So we see that we must  
be filled with the Spirit of God,  
and living up to all the light  
that shines upon our pathway,  
so when the last battle is  
fought (death) we can be  
conquerors through Him. Let  
us get on the armor and press  
toward the mark for the prize  
of the high calling of God in  
Christ Jesus. Phil. 3:14. So  
fight on poor soul, fight on, be-  
cause there is rest ahead, if  
we are true to Him.

A student,  
P. W. Chessier.

THE GOOD OF DISTRIBUT-  
ING TRACTS

I want to tell an experience  
for the glory of God.

A few days ago I handed a  
tract to a brother. The tract  
told about how Jesus had saved  
a drunkard. This brother  
knew a friend whom it might  
help as he was a drunkard, so  
he passed it on. He read it  
and it had its effect.

As was his custom, he  
started down town to the  
"blind tiger" stand to buy him  
some of the hell he had been  
getting, but before reaching  
the place the good spirit  
checked him and caused him  
to think of the tract. He turned  
straight back and went to a  
dry goods store, and bought his  
wife some clothes with the  
money he was going to spend  
for that damnable stuff that  
would ruin his home.

I thank the good Lord for  
using me in giving out tracts.  
I ask prayer that I may give  
out more. Please send me 500  
tracts to distribute. Distribut-  
ing tracts keeps my mind on  
the Lord, as nothing else will.  
I mention this, that others may  
know what good may be ac-  
complished through this great  
work.

C. G. Hunter,  
Jacksonville, Fla.



# FAITH

T. S. Payne

"Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen. For by it the elders obtain a good report. Through faith we understand that the worlds were framed by the Word of God, so that things which are seen were not made of things which do appear." Heb. 11:1-3.

The writer of the above further states that without faith it is impossible to please Him; for he that cometh to God must believe that He is, and that He is a rewarder of them that diligently seek Him.

In order that we may be able to get people to seeking after God, it is very important that we be able to convince them that God really exists; that He is the creator of the world and all things that are therein, that He is the supreme ruler of the universe, the giver of every good gift; and that He loved this poor lost world enough to give His precious and only Son to die on the cross that we might be saved through Him.

Whatever means it will take to reach the different classes of people of this earth, and the different nations of the world, and convince them of the existence of a God that loves and saves all who come unto Him, is the thing that is most needed at this critical moment of time. We must be able by the help of God, to enlighten this lost world of the saving grace of the Lamb of God.

It is quite easy for him who believes in the existence of God and has learned of His mighty power and willingness to save, to come and seek Him for the salvation of his poor lost soul.

Justifying faith is a saving grace wrought in the soul by the Spirit of God, whereby we receive Christ as He is revealed in the Gospel, to be our Prophet, Priest and King, trust in and rely upon Him and His righteousness alone for salvation.

This faith begets a sincere obedience in the life of him who possesses it.

It assures us of the reality and worth of eternal and invisible things, and produces a satisfaction and unshaken confidence that God will, in reality, perform what He has promised in His Word.

The firm foundation of faith is the essential, supreme perfection of God; His unbounded knowledge, immutable truth, infinite goodness, everlasting love, and almighty power.

Faith has a prevailing influence upon the will of man, it draws his affections and renders his whole being obedient to the Gospel of the Son of God. By such faith we are said to be justified. Rom. 5:1.

We are justified by faith, not formally, but because we have believed that God, in reality, rewards all who diligently seek Him. Therefore we go to Him with a broken and contrite heart, because of sins committed, and repent before Him in the bitterness and agony of our souls, until we have confessed all the wrongs we have ever committed, and nothing is left covered up in our lives. It is easy then for us to believe that He saves, and not until then can we believe that we are justified in His sight.

What then is the evidence of our standing with God and how shall we know we are justified?

Paul said, "We have peace with God." Rom. 5:1. Knowing that nothing in our lives has been covered up, that all has been confessed out, and nothing else remains to be confessed, naturally places us in a position where we can exercise faith in God that produces this "peace like a river," "peace that passeth all understanding."

Having then exercised faith this far, it is possible for the child of God to come in possession of faith and obtain grace wherein he is able to stand. Rom. 5:2.

Look to 1 Cor. 15:1. "Moreover, brethren, I declare unto you the Gospel which I preached unto you, which also ye have received, and wherein ye stand."

"By which also ye are saved, if ye keep in memory what I preached unto you, unless ye have believed in vain."

Not only do we have to exercise faith in God to get our sins forgiven, but we must continue to believe in Him to the extent that we will put into practice all His teachings and show our faith by our works for, "faith without works is dead."

Abraham had faith in God and did not stagger at His promise but obeyed, not knowing where God would take him, but because it was the call of God he knew it was safe to obey.

On account of Enoch's faith in God of things not seen, was moved with fear and prepared an ark, by which his whole family were saved from the flood and the whole world was condemned, and he became heir to the righteousness of God, all by faith.

Sarah listened to God and was blessed beyond what was possible from a natural standpoint. All because she judged him faithful who had promised.

"These all died in the faith, not having received the promises, but having seen them afar off, and were persuaded of them, and embraced them, and confessed that they were strangers and pilgrims on the earth." Heb. 11:13.

When Abraham was tried he offered up Isaac without questioning God as to why He wanted him to make such a great sacrifice. He knew that if he slew his son, God was able to raise him up, for he remembered that God had promised that, "In him shall thy seed be blessed."

In Jacob's dying hour he was able to exercise faith in God, and did not take his leave until he had blessed both of Joseph's sons, then leaned over on his staff and worshipped God.

When Joseph came to the hour of his death, he looked back over a life well spent in the service of the Master, spoke of the time when the children of Israel would leave the bondage of Egypt, and told his friends what to do with his bones.

It was by faith that Moses was hid for three months of his parents, because they knew he was the proper child, for that reason they were not afraid of the king's commandment. After he reached manhood he refused to be called the son of Pharaoh's daughter, but took his place among the people of God, rather than to take chances with the people who sinned. He counted the reproach of Christ greater riches than all the treasures of Egypt. By faith he left old Egypt, and was not one bit afraid, even though the king did get mad about it, but acted as though he was able to see Him who is invisible.

By faith in God he was able to lead the children of Israel through the red sea on dry ground; and by the same means the walls of Jericho fell down, after God's people proved their faith by their works.

We could speak of Gideon, Barak, Sampson and many others who through faith subdued kingdoms, wrought righteousness, obtained promises, quenched the violence of fire, ran all the armies of aliens of the battlefield, and won great victories for God because they trusted in Him. All these obtained a good report through faith, yet they did not receive the promise. "God having provided some better things for us, that they without us should not be made perfect." Heb. 11:40.

God help us to have faith in Thee, that these noble veterans may all be perfect, and that we may ever do the whole will of Him whose life's blood was shed on the old rugged cross that we might go free. Amen.

## HELPS FOR THE TEMPTED

Mrs. Bertie Harrison.

### HE CARETH FOR YOU

1 Peter 5:7

"Are you troubled, weak, and weary,  
Thru the lonely hours of night,  
Watching for the break of morning,  
Longing for the dawn of light?  
Oh! remember One is near you,  
Who had lonely nights and days  
On the mountain-top of sorrow,  
And He careth! yes, always!

Are you far from friends congenial,  
Tolling thru life's busy throng?  
Have you lost the one sweet centre  
Of your human heart and song?  
Has the minor key of sadness  
Locked your soul within its groove?  
Oh! remember that He careth  
With unutterable love!

Have the friends you trusted failed you  
In your hour of deepest need,  
And you sit within the gloaming  
Thinking o'er each broken reed?  
Oh! lean hard upon your Savior,  
Who was left alone to die,  
When they all forsook and failed Him  
At the cross of Calvary!

For He careth, oh! He careth  
With a tenderness so sweet;  
With a love that passeth knowledge;  
With a sympathy complete!  
Then cast all your cares upon Him,  
For He careth night and day!  
You have never far to seek Him—  
He's beside you! yes, always!" Rose Benn.

A little tract, "Keep Still" fell into my hands one time and brought to me a message that I have needed all down through the years. This little tract found its way into my scrap book, and I am passing it on, hoping that it will be a blessing to many.

"Keep still. When trouble is brewing keep still. When slander is getting on its legs keep still. When your feelings are hurt, keep still until you recover from your excitement at any rate. Things look different through an unagitated eye. In a commotion once I wrote a letter and sent it, and wished I had not. In my later years I had another commotion and wrote a long letter, but life had rubbed a little sense into me and I kept that letter in my pocket until the day I could look it over without agitation and without tears. I was glad I did. Less and less it seemed necessary to send it. I was not sure it would do any hurt, but in my doubtfulness I leaned to reticence, and eventually it was destroyed.

Time works wonders, wait till you can speak calmly, and then you will not need to speak, may be silence is the most massive thing conceivable

sometimes. It is strength in very grandeur. It is like a regiment ordered to stand still in the mad fury of battle. To plunge in were twice as easy." Selected.

The party who brought my mail from the office unfortunately lost one of my letters. The name Jones was on the outside. If this was an important matter, please write again.

We are certainly glad to greet our dear friends once more after this long delay. We hope you have not become discouraged but have been patient in your anxiety to know why your Evangel has not appeared; but when you receive this copy you will understand and will certainly praise God for all His goodness to us. Truly He has done marvelous things for which we are glad. As our time is limited and we are hastily getting out this issue of the Evangel we are giving you only a short message this week but we hope it will bring cheer to some troubled heart. God bless you all and fill you with His sustaining grace and make you able to say, Hallelujah! in the midst of the battle.

### HEALED IN ANSWER TO PRAYER

Dear Evangel Family—Greetings in Jesus' Name:

I have felt led to write and tell the dear saints about the Lord healing my little boy of an awful pain in his side.

I felt led to send a handkerchief to Brother Lee just before the General Assembly, and ask him to take it to the prayer room, and anoint it and have the saints to pray and lay hands on it that he might be healed of the awful pain, with which he suffered so much. He was healed before the handkerchief was returned, and his side has never hurt him any more until this morning, though I had never laid the handkerchief on it and he was relieved at once. The enemy doesn't want me to testify to this, so I want all the Evangel family to ask God that he may be completely healed.

I want to testify for Mr. Edd McNemee and wife, as they asked me to tell how their baby was healed. It was a pitiful sight to see the little thing suffer. She was three years old and had never walked or talked. I told them how others were being healed by sending handkerchiefs to Headquarters to be anointed and prayed over. The baby's mother asked me to send one for her, and I did. That was almost a year ago. They say they have never given her a

drop of medicine since, and she can walk and talk some. They give God all the praise, and say the doctor didn't do her any good.

We are ten miles away from any Church of God people, so we have no one to call in and pray for us, but God has never failed to hear us. He said, "Whatsoever you ask in my name, I will do it."

I do thank and praise God that He is the same yesterday, today and forever. Hallelujah to His name! The Holy Ghost still abides in such a sweet way.

Dear saints, please ask God to help my family and myself in troubles and trials, rain or shine, to be able to say "Amen" to Jesus; and to be ready to meet Him when He comes or calls. Ask God to bless the people here and give them more light on His Word.

Mrs. Wiley Arnold,  
R. 3, Water Valley, Miss.

### HIGHWAYS AND HEDGES

The weather has been bad and the roads muddy but I have walked at least twenty miles this last month. I never preached to congregations, but I hope words have been spoken that will tell for God. He told us to go out in the highways and hedges. Where people can't go to church this gospel must go, and when it is my lot to carry it I want to be faithful and true to Jesus.

I hope to do more. Writes Eliza Kendall, Rosine, Ky.

## Beersheba Mission

I truly believe God has a work at this place to be accomplished for Him. For a long time I have left it to others, but as it is there is nothing yet accomplished. Oh, if we did not try to get honor and fame for ourselves, we could carry out all of His plans without any trouble for He has said, "Go ye" and "Lo I am with you" (The Lion of Judah). There is no defeat in Jesus.

I am a member of the Church of God. Many things I do not understand, but I am leaving them with God. He will repay. Beersheba mission! But where is that? you ask. For the present it is only in the mind of one of God's little ones.

Will you help with your tears, and prayers, and means to make it real—a real live thing—A soul saving station for God?

Having such a burning desire to reach the masses with the Four Square Gospel (as a sister calls it), I lay meditating about a certain town almost centrally located in our state, and wondering how we could ever reach the business men and women of that place.

I meditated and prayed as follows: Oh Lord, would street work do it? No, they cannot work and come near enough to hear you. Oh Father, how I wish I could enter those churches and carry this message of love; but no they are closed against you, my child.

Dear Lord, how I wish I had a tabernacle like Sam Jones or Gypsy Smith. I'd be satisfied with one not quite so large, until you put upon them a mind to build. You understand. And then I fancied I could see it already there. But oh, where will the means come from? To whom may I go? Yes Lord, pray to my heavenly Father first; for with Him nothing is impossible.

Dear Jesus, if you do make it real—a fact, to exist, a real mission always let love be the dominant principle there.

I thought again, my heart burning within me, oh I would like to be a railroad evangelist. I can get a pass any time from or to Mobile, or St. Louis. Why not, for do I not feel akin to them because my husband, brother and nephew are railroad men.

And in praying for God to watch over and protect them, I have remembered them all, and asked the kind heavenly Father to shield them from harm, and that no wrecks occur, through the coming year, over the entire system.

I stopped here—my thoughts returned to the mission. It seemed almost a reality, for the big hearted railroad boys would not pass me by. I thought of a name, the Lord brought to my mind Beersheba, as every name, especially Bible names have a meaning. I thought I would see what the meaning of Beersheba was. Well truly it was God's name for His mission.

Here are some of the good things that belong to Beersheba. We behold it for the first time. It is called the well of the oath, or of seven, as the Lord showed it to a distressed mother where the water saved the life of her boy. Gen. 21:17-18.

Praise God, Beersheba, a life saving station. Next we see the man that dug the well, a man who loves and fears God. It is said of him, "God is with thee in all that thou doest." Here we find a place of confession where wrongs are righted; a place of blessing and kindness shown; a place of truth (swearing); a place for questions concerning truth; a place for giving and

forgiving; a place to make a covenant with God; a place of humility; a place for reproach.

Read 2 Tim. 4:2. Preach the word; be instant in season; out of season; reprove, rebuke, exhort with all longsuffering and doctrine.

Read Gen. 21:22-33.

The number seven denoting perfection, completeness, a full gospel, and finally a place to call on the everlasting God, The grove of trees representing the crowds God will cause to grow in Beersheba. It is also a place of comfort, for did Jesus not say He would send the Comforter to us. See Gen. 46 where God comforts Jacob through His great promise. Has He not promised to give the Spirit to those that ask Him? Last, but not least, it is a place where we can offer a sacrifice of our time, our means and our praise to Him, which will be acceptable with Him if we love Him.

Now let us begin at the first letter of the name and spell B-e-e-r-s-h-e-b-a and get a blessing from the references. Beloved, Deut. 33:12; Song of Sol. 2:16.

Enter, Luke 13:24. Endure, 2 Tim. 2:3. Reign, 2 Tim. 2:12; Rev. 5:10. Satisfied, Psa. 17:15. Heaven, Rev. 21:1. Everlasting, Isa. 61:7. Bethrothal, Hosea 2:19, 20. Amen, Rev. 3:14.

Now beloved if the Lord should speak to your heart concerning this work, will you let Him have His way with you? In the meantime I am going to talk to my heavenly Father for it is all for His glory.

Carrie Lummus,  
Box 132, Artesia, Miss.

### "DIDN'T IT RAIN"

Who said the Church of God at Ages, Kentucky had all gone astray?

Truly some of the members did go astray but some are standing unwaveringly for the Church of God and her government and teachings as outlined by the General Assembly, just as we have stood and been blest so many years. Some who have been deceived and led off have been so many years. Some who have been deceived and led off have been honest hearted enough to come back to the Church and acknowledge their mistake.

On Saturday night March 1st the members met at the church, and were called to order by Brother Frank Goodner. (A man so deeply established in the love and doctrines of the Church that the enemy can't move him.)

Our clerk had left the Church and gone after A. J. Tomlinson, so we had to appoint a new clerk. Brother Hyde was appointed as deacon. We also put in new solicitors for the orphanage, and our foreign mission duties were discussed.

After this Brother Goodner called the Church to prayer and then it began to rain; and "Didn't it rain." The power of God came down in such torrents that we all felt as though God was going to drown us in the great outpouring of His Spirit, as He was setting His approval on the work.

The next day we all went to have meeting with a sister who has been sick with consumption a long time and had not been able to get up or down without help. She danced all over the house under the power of God and walked almost a mile to church and back that night. We give God all the glory for this. We also thank Him for some who will stand for the Church of God in spite of all the devil can do.

Lillie Gibson, clerk,  
Le Junior, Ky.

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# Will A Man Rob God

E. C. Scarbrough

Much has been said and written on this important subject, but I feel a strange awakening within my inmost being that causes me to throw aside my timidity, take up my pen and begin to write as God brings these thoughts to me.

What a wonderful God we have! It is He who brings us out of darkness, into the marvelous light. It is He who loved us so much, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life. It is He who gives us food, raiment, health and wealth, and even the very hairs of our head are numbered. Seeing then His wonderful love and power to fallen humanity, we are made to quake and tremble when we think of this important question, "Will a man rob God?"

O what a question, coming to us in such plaintive tones that we cannot dodge the issue. Ponder it in our hearts as we may; try to evade it as so many do, yet it remains intact. We may answer it negatively; we must answer it with many affirmatives. We may answer it negatively when we remember that God is the Fountain head of all things, the Creator of heaven and earth and all that in them is. All the wealth of the earth is His; the cattle on a thousand hills, and the boundless plains are His; the golden grain that waves in the fields of every land and island of the sea are His. The gold in the heart of mother earth with that in the vaults of the banks, on the fingers, wrists and apparel of the rich are all His. All the forces of nature with which man has been able to accomplish so much and without which he would come to naught, are but the laws of God's creation and are therefore His. Every light that brightens our homes; every message you speak over the telephone; every musical sound you hear from your piano; every message that goes over the telegraph wire; every concert or message you listen to from the radio; every locomotive, drawing its stupendous trains by the mighty power of the expansive vapors, working out through its mechanism; every automobile that runs to and fro are but a few reminders of man's dependence upon God.

God showers His blessings down upon the thankful and the unthankful, believers or infidels. Man is here only by God's permission, and every breath he draws is borrowed and nothing to pay back.

But, will a man rob God? You say impossible, but we speak in the affirmative, and say, yes, man can, and does rob God. He robs God of the adoration and glory due Him, when he takes a menial view of Christ and His work.

A Chinaman was once asked for a contribution to the cause of Christ: "No," said the Chinaman, "Me no like Christ." He is always broke." The Chinaman voiced the sentiments of the business world today in regard to Christ.

But why is the cause of Christ bankrupt? If every tenth dollar made in this busy world today was placed as God has directed it to be placed, would His cause on earth be bankrupt today? If every tenth dollar made in this world today was placed as God's Word directs, the entire world could, and would be speedily evangelized.

But the business world of today promptly revolts at the suggestion of giving one tenth of their income. To their minds it is outrageous and absurd. It would bankrupt the business world. He likes the Sunday morning or evening nickel idea better. O what a difference between God and man! "For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son"—For man so loved God that he gave Him a nickel. The tithes (tenth) is the Lord's.

Let me tell you something that perhaps you never thought of before, and yet it is true. When you pay the tenth part, you haven't given anything.

You haven't even commenced to give. Why do I say this and where do I get my authority? Hear the Word of the Lord: "All the tithes of the land is the Lord's." (Lev. 27:30) but you say, "Yes, I know this is Bible, but that was under the law, and we are not under the law today."

Well, for the sake of these wiseacres, we will go back for a period of more than four hundred years prior to the time the law was given to Moses and the children of Israel and get the first account of paying tithes. "And Melchizedek king of Salem brought forth bread and wine; and he was the priest of the most high God. And he blessed him, and said, Blessed be Abram of the most high God, possessor of heaven and earth: And blessed be the most high God, which hath delivered thine enemies into thy hand, and he gave him tithes of all." (Gen. 14:18, 19, 20.)

This first example we have recorded in God's Word of paying tithes was by Melchizedek, priest of the most high God which, to say the least, is a type of the Christ of the New Testament; and note, he gave tithes of all.

"And all the tithe of the land whether of the seed of the land, or of the fruit of the tree, is the Lord's it is holy unto the Lord." (Lev. 27:30.) Here the word all appears again and it is the Lord's (not ours). It is holy unto the Lord; but in this busy world today, men forget the God who has blessed the seed of the ground, and caused it to spring up, and bring forth, some thirty, some sixty and some an hundred fold; and deliberately—in the light of God's Word—use the holy part for themselves, which justly and rightly belongs to God to be used in bringing precious souls to Him.

At last we see God's wrath kindled against these robbers, and from the vast cotton fields with their promising "bumper" crop, appears every pest imaginable, and in a few short days the leaves are stripped from the stalks, the forms (blooms) stung and soon wither and decayed. The beautiful grain waving in the gentle breezes, promising wealth to the sower, but a few hot flashes of the hot east winds, a cloud of worms and grasshoppers, and man's vain imaginations are brought to naught. Why has all this come about? Men have robbed God.

"And concerning the tithes of the herd or of the flock, even of whatsoever passeth under the rod, the tenth shall be holy unto the Lord." (Lev. 27:32.) Across the great plains where the vast herds of cattle, horses, hogs, sheep or goats roam, in every herd God has a one tenth interest; but you say, "I only have ten or twenty head of cattle, horses, etc." Yes, and one out of each ten belongs to God. Will you rob Him?

When you have paid Him what justly belongs to Him, you have done no more than the man who pays his rent on the land he works, as he has agreed to pay. When he gathers his crop he turns over that one third or one fourth to the landlord, and you say this is only justice and right. Neither do you consider that you are donating anything to him because that third, or fourth is the landlord's. It is his according to the laws of our country, and if that renter should appropriate that part of the crop to his own use, he would be arrested and prosecuted as an embezzler in the common courts of the land.

Now to the laws of God and to the testimony: it makes no difference whether you are in the Church or not (For all the tithes of the land is the Lord's). You are an embezzler; and the cause of Christ is made poor in the earth today because of your embezzlement.

O the plaintive cries we hear today, coming from the millions of starving souls, crying for some one to come and tell them of the Babe of Bethlehem, of the mighty power of a God that can cleanse, and wash

their souls whiter than the driven snow. We hear the call as it reaches the ear of that humble servant of God, who has forsaken all, taken up the cross, and is doing what he can to rescue perishing souls. Down in a humble little cottage (or cabin), on some side street, or hillside we see him pouring out his soul to God for the lost world. When he looks across the little room he calls home, he sees his companion, who has given up the luxuries of this life, with all the comforts she enjoyed before hearing the call, "Go ye." Her clothes are very plain; her shoes are badly worn, and as she sits there in a common cane chair, on either side seated on the floor are her children, poorly clad, but cheerfully singing praises unto their father's and mother's God. As this mother looks into their little faces, then around at the bare room with old bedsteads which have been discarded by some one, with their mattresses of straw from some barn, and an old heating stove (which is good enough for the pastor), she thinks of the meal they have just eaten, which consisted of a scanty bit of the very plainest food, she sees no future hopes in this world for her children save through Christ. The father's heart deeply yearns to carry the glad tidings of great joy to hungry souls, but it takes all the time he can spare from the Church he is pastoring to work at some hard manual labor to support his family.

## The Scene Changes

On some main street, or thoroughfare, we see a comfortable home. The days work over; the family circle is seated around a table in a nicely furnished dining room, where the bright lights shine down upon food that is fit for a king; on the white linen cloth is placed the nicest of supper dishes. The rich sweet milk glistens in the nice glasses; the scent of the appetizing ham, eggs, vegetables, and dainty desserts, greet each one in such a manner that they are wholly lost in thought of such until their appetites are satisfied. Supper being ended, they walk into the nicely furnished sitting room, where each one reclines in a nice morris, or rocking chair. The children are engaged in discussing the topics of the day, reading their books, or playing the piano and singing; while father and mother are very busily engaged discussing the future of each child and planning for their college education. The time comes to retire, and after a formal prayer, while mother is carefully preparing the nice beds made of downy feathers with their snow white linens, father takes a walk out to the barn to see that his herds of cattle, horses, hogs, etc. are safe and that the garage is locked against thieves. Then he draws a breath of satisfaction, as he says to himself, "My money is also safe within the vault of the bank," but only nine tenths of this belongs to Him. He has robbed God of what belongs to Him. Sunday morning dawns bright and clear, and we see this entire family nicely clad, as they glide over the smooth road in their beautiful car to the little church around the corner. As they enter the church they see that humble servant of God with his family kneeling at the altar, pouring their hearts out to God for the Church and the lost world. When the praise service begins we hear these people in a very formal way as they say; "I am glad God has saved, sanctified and filled me with the Holy Ghost," and this is about all they know to say.

Dear soul, do you realize what it means to be sanctified? Everything you have, and all that you are must be on the altar for the Lord. Let's reason together for a moment. Can a robber enter heaven? If so, why need we preach repentance longer?

"Will a man rob God? Yet ye have robbed me, but ye say, Wherein have we robbed thee? In tithes and offerings. Ye are cursed with a curse: for ye have robbed me, even this whole nation. Bring all your tithes into THE STORE HOUSE, that there may be meat in mine house, and prove me herewith saith the Lord of

hosts, if I will not open you the windows of heaven, and pour you out a blessing, that there shall not be room enough to receive it." (Mal. 3:8, 9, 10.)

Will a man rob God and still remain sanctified? Did you ever see a sanctified robber? How much of the tithes did he say to bring into the store-house? (treasury) All. How much is all? One tenth. (Lev. 27:32.)

What would you say should I come into your own home on some dark night, and rob you of one tenth of all you possess? Immediately you would cry out, "Let the law of our country take its course," and when I was brought before the courts, the goods produced, and you testify that they belong to you. I would be cast into prison (which would only be justice). But listen, in the broad open day light, man is robbing God of His tithes, and still He is giving you freedom (worldly), but on that great day when you appear before the great courts where the Judge of judges shall reign supreme, then these humble servants of God, with their children (who went through this world half clothed and fed), will appear as witnesses against your soul, with the ones from which you have kept the gospel. Then what will be your sentence?

"Oh," I hear so many begin to say; "This is not for us that are not under the law, but under grace." To these we will quote the words of Christ who came not to destroy but to fulfill the law, and He is the law for us today. "Woe unto you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! for ye pay tithes of mint and anise and cummin and have omitted the weightier matters of the law, judgment, mercy and faith: these ought ye to have done, and not to leave the other undone." (Matt. 23:23.) Jesus told them plainly they ought to pay their tithes, and today are we not much better than scribes, Pharisees and hypocrites?

A Neapolitan shepherd once came to his priest saying, "Father have mercy on me a miserable sinner. While I was busy at work some whey spurted from the cheese press flew into my mouth, and wretched man, I swallowed it. Free my distressed conscience from its agonies by absolving me from my guilt." "Have you no other sins to confess?" asked the priest. "No," said the shepherd. "There are," said the priest, "many robberies and murders from time to time committed on your mountains, and I have reason to believe that you are one of the persons concerned in them." "Yes," he replied, "I am, but these are never accounted as a crime; it is a thing practised by us all, and there is no need of a confession on that account." So it is with men who rob God: they don't deem it needful to confess this crime to God, as it is common among men.

Others say, "We are not Jews, and therefore it does not apply to us." One day Oberlin, a poor French minister, was reading in the Old Testament where God told the Jews that He expected them to give a tithe of all their property to Him, said he to himself, "Well, I am sure that I, as a Christian, have three times as many blessings as the Jews had. If it was right for a Jew to give one tenth of his property to God, surely I ought to give at least three times as much as that."

Is not this gospel of grace superior to the law, and Christ to Moses? Should not this Christian generosity surpass that of the Jews? How the Jews did lavish their vast wealth on the Old Testament Zion (The New Testament Church). With this beautiful gospel within our reach, and this wonderful Christ within our souls, the wonderful revelations of the New Testament Church flooding our souls with joy unspeakable and full of glory, how much more should we bring all the tithes into the storehouse (treasury). It is beyond question a New Testament obligation to support the ministry and maintain the ordinances of the gospel. (1 Cor. 9:13, 14.) Will a man rob God?

"This God is the God we adore, Our faithful, unchangeable

# The Last Days

The dark night which precedes the coming of our Lord, is upon us. These are the perilous days that Paul spoke of, when men shall be lovers of themselves, without natural affections, despisers of those who are good.

The spirit of this closing age is to throw off all gospel restraint, shun the truth, substitute error, dethrone Christ, enthroned self, and to live as if there was no God, no judgment and no coming day of retribution for sin.

Paul further says, that in the last days many shall depart from the faith, giving heed to seducing spirits and doctrines of devils.

There never has been such a falling away as there is today; so the children need not be alarmed or discouraged. "Stand still and see the salvation of the Lord." These are truly wonderful days to the child of God; it all indicates the nearness of the coming of our Lord. The old world is terrified as it looks upon the events of today, but we see the Word of God fulfilled before our eyes. All around us we see signs of the soon coming of Jesus to take the reigns of government in His hands. "And this gospel shall be preached in all the world for a witness unto all nations; and then shall the end come." (Matt. 24:14.)

This gospel has been preached to every nation, and today we find a great falling away taking place among those who once knew the Lord; the love of many has waxed cold. While these things are taking place there are great works being done among His people too. He said we should tell of His wonders—talk about them.

We stayed out one month and ten days on this trip. The Lord directed us to North Mississippi. We held a ten days meeting at Oak Grove church and the Lord blessed. We began the meeting with fasting and prayer. Most of them were in a cold state, we first got all the saints together and prayed for one another. Confess your faults one to another and pray one for another. (James 5:16.) Then after we got the saints all on fire we began the meeting.

About thirty were saved and reclaimed. One a whiskey maker that had an old grudge at some of the Lord's people, (devil just magnified it in his mind that he had been treated wrong) and it was running him crazy. The Lord took it all off his mind. One murderer broke and came to the altar and got saved. One woman came from Belmont who had been in sin all her life. She got saved and healed of a cancer. A baby fell in the fire, and the back of its head was burnt until water run out, the Lord healed it. Two women, two men, and one baby lying at the point of death with flu and pneumonia in both lungs, were healed. One baby that had some kind of a nerve trouble was healed instantly. An old doctor who was sick, (said he could only see an open grave before him) got saved, and said he was going to take his Testament.

Friend; Whose love is as great as His power, And knows neither measure nor end. 'Tis Jesus, the first and the last, Whose Spirit shall guide us safe home; We'll praise Him for all that is past, And trust Him for all that's to come."

ment about with him, and that he could give the drugs he had on hand away, if necessary. One man got the baptism of the Holy Ghost and spoke in tongues who had been seeking for five years.

Brother Williams had been a church fighter, but saw the light and joined, he is called to preach. He left an appointment where we went to help some people, three of them got the baptism of the Holy Ghost, (away out in the country). Two other young men found that they were called to preach. The Lord liberated them and they ask for license. Many that were about to be led away, saw the importance of standing with the Church.

We then visited other churches in the District. At Temple, they are all standing true to the Church. Two women received the baptism of the Holy Ghost and spoke in tongues, two were blessed and a good many reclaimed, for that Church had gone down terribly.

We went to the Walker House, only found one family standing for the Church, but they all agreed to stand together and accept a Church of God preacher, and not to have any more literature taught to them, they want the Word.

Next we went to Copper Hill, and from there to Boonville, where we preached several times and three Baptist ladies received the baptism of the Holy Ghost, and spoke in tongues, one of them an old lady seventy-four years old. About fifty-seven were saved and reclaimed in all.

Let us press on and not get discouraged.

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## BE ENCOURAGED

To the Church of God—Greetings:

Just a few words to encourage the dear saints scattered abroad. We want to encourage those in Virginia, who are yet standing with and for the Church of God. I know some of you think we are a long time getting to you. Brother Simmons and I are constantly on the field. If we could have gotten to you we would have been glad. Please be patient with us. We are endeavoring to do our best. We have some true blue Church of God people in Virginia yet, and we are hoping and expecting to have some wonderful revivals during the year. We have some good preachers who are going in the battle against the enemy in a short time if the dear Lord permits; so please let us exhort you in the name of Jesus, our mighty coming King to be encouraged.

Pray the Lord of the harvest to send more Holy Ghost filled Church of God preachers in this state, who won't hold their peace day or night till Jerusalem is made a praise in the earth. Everybody pray for a real land slide from heaven, that we may have a harvest of souls for Jesus.

Our beloved Percy King is planning to start out in the near future with his big 40 x 60 foot tent. He is a good evangelist in the Church of God, and I know him to be a real good man. I knew him before he got salvation.

BE ENCOURAGED. "If God be for us, who can be against us."

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